

HB 3066 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Knopp

Senate Committee On Human Services

Action Date: 05/15/17

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Gelser, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

Exc: 1 - Olsen

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies tax credit program for contributions to Office of Child Care (OCC). Repeals advisory committee. Revises statement of program purposes to include improving professional development of child care providers. Permits OCC to determine proportion of distribution to child care providers without additional rulemaking. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Changes to tax credit in 2015
- Failure to clean up language in statutes reflecting changes
- Technical fixes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Child Care (OCC) is part of the Early Learning Division in the Oregon Department of Education. It licenses, inspects, and assesses complaints against child care facilities, provides technical assistance to child care providers, and administers a tax credit program established in 2003. Qualifying contributions to OCC may be credited against an individual's or corporation's income tax liability. OCC disperses the funds to child care providers to help stabilize wages, encourage professional development, and improve the quality of care. In 2015, House Bill 2171 relieved OCC of certain administrative burdens, including the requirement to select and disburse moneys to community providers and the requirement to select and use marketers to encourage contributions. The measure instead required distributions consistent with rules and goals adopted by the Early Learning Council.

House Bill 3066-A further clarifies OCC's administration of the the child care contribution tax credit program by removing provisions that refer to the Early Learning Council's collaboration with an advisory committee and repealing statutes relating to the creation, duties, and requirements of community agencies.